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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

***In the Claims:***

Cancel claims 10-20. Amend claim 6 and add new claim 21.

6. The population of claim 5, wherein said Wnt-1 polypeptide has a sequence that is at least 80% identical to SEQ ID NO:1 (human Wnt-1).

21. The population of claim 5, wherein said Wnt-1 polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-9 and 21 are pending, claims 10-20 having been canceled as being drawn to a non-elected invention. Claim 9 was amended to add a reference to SEQ ID NO:1, and new claim 21 was added. The amendment to claim 9 and new claim 21 are supported by disclosure at page 4, lines 1-22, of the specification.

No new matter is added.